



# **PSC NEWS**

## **Missouri Public Service Commission**

Contact: Kevin Kelly

Phone: (573) 751-9300

Governor Office Building, Suite 600

FY-07-60

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2006**

### **MEDIA REMINDER**

#### **PSC TO HOLD LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS IN FARMINGTON AND POTOSI ON STORM PREPARATION AND RESTORATION EFFORTS**

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold local public hearings in **Farmington and Potosi on October 5, 2006** to receive customer comment on storm preparation and restoration efforts in eastern Missouri. The Commission will also hold local public hearings in St. Louis area on October 3-4, 2006.

The PSC Staff is currently conducting an investigation into the storm preparation and restoration efforts of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE and other utilities following storms on July 19 and July 21, 2006. Those storms left hundreds of thousands of households and businesses without electricity in eastern Missouri. A PSC Staff report is due in mid-November.

**The Farmington and Potosi local public hearing schedule appears below:**

**October 5, 2006**

**Farmington**

**11:30 am\***

Farmington City Hall

Long Memorial Hall Auditorium

110 W. Columbia

**October 5, 2006**

**Potosi**

**5:30 pm\***

Potosi School

Trojan Intermediate School Cafeteria

367 Intermediate Drive

**\* The PSC Staff will hold a 30 minute informal question and answer session starting at this time. The local public hearing will be held until all persons present who wish to testify have done so.**

The local public hearings will be held in a facility that meets accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in the hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

The Commission asks witnesses to provide them with the following information:

- ✓ Information concerning how long power was out in the witnesses' residence;
- ✓ The ability of the witness to make contact with utilities and the responsiveness of the utilities when contacted;
- ✓ The witnesses' opinion about whether action by utilities could have prevented the power outage or lessened the damage caused by the storm.